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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL ENGLISH TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON ASPECTS OF ROLE OF LAW IN SOCIAL CHANGE ADOPTED BY INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE AUGUST 4. DEPARTMENT AND AID WILL NOTE SEVERAL REFERENCES TO HUMAN RIGHTS, APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIVATE INTER-AMERICAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND REQUEST FOR FURTHER REPORT. ADDITION OF WORDS "SOME ASPECTS" IN TITLE INTENDED TO INDICATE THAT FULL SCOPE OF RELATION BETWEEN LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE REMAINS FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION BY COMMITTEE. TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. RESOLUTION ON SOME ASPECTS OF THE ROLE OF LAW IN SOCIAL CHANGE. THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE, RECALLING ITS DECISION IN ITS FEBRUARY-MARCH 1975 SESSION TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF SOME ASPECTS OF THE ROLE OF LAW IN THE PROCESS OF SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS; HAVING CONSIDERED AT EACH SUBSEQUENT SESSION A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS BOTH OF STUDIES ON THE SUBJECT AND FOR A PROGRAM FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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INCREASING THE ROLE OF LAW IN ACTIVITIES LEADING TO SOCIAL PROGRESS;  
CONSIDERING THAT EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF LAW IS ESSENTIAL TO THE OBJECTIVES OF LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO EFFECT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM, AND THAT THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE LEGAL SERVICES IS A PREREQUISITE TO THE ENJOYMENT OF THE BENEFITS ACCORDED BY SUCH LEGISLATION;

NOTHING WITH APPRECIATION THE COOPERATION IN ORGANIZING STUDIES  
WITHIN THIS TOPIC OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW  
AND OF A PANEL CONSISTING OF A DISTINGUISHED LATIN AMERICAN,  
CARIBBEAN AND UNITED STATES LEGAL EXPERTS ASSEMBLED UNDER THE  
AEGIS OF THAT SOCIETY;

TAKING ACCOUNT OF STUDIES PREPARED BY PANEL MEMBERS AND BY  
OTHER EXPERTS WITH RESPECT TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE ROLE OF  
LAW IN SOCIAL PROGRESS, INCLUDING A) LEGAL AID TO POOR AND  
OTHERWISE DISADVANTAGED PERSONS; B) REPRESENTATION OF DIFFUSE  
AND OTHERWISE UNREPRESENTED GROUPS, SUCH AS CONSERVATIONISTS  
AND CONSUMERS; AND C) LEGAL REFORM DIRECTED TOWARD ENHANCEMENT  
OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS;  
RECALLING THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS IN THESE FIELDS IN THE  
AMERICAS INSTITUTED BY LAW FACULTIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS,  
INCLUDING BAR ASSOCIATIONS AND SPECIAL GROUPS SPONSORED BY  
UNIVERSITIES AND BY GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES; AND  
HAVING RECEIVED WITH GRATIFICATION A REPORT DESCRIBING THE  
WORK OF THE PANEL IN WHICH NOTE IS TAKEN OF THE PRELIMINARY  
ESTABLISHMENT BY A GROUP OF EXPERTS WORKING IN THESE AREAS  
OF AN INTER-AMERICAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE PURPOSE OF  
WHICH, WITHIN THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM,  
WOULD BE TO FACILITATE COOPERATION AND TO ENHANCE THE CON-  
TRIBUTION OF LAW TO THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO DESIRABLE SOCIAL PROGRESS:

RESOLVES:

A. TO MAINTAIN THE ITEM ON ITS AGENDA AND TO REQUEST THAT,  
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AT THE JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1978 SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE, THE  
RAPPORTEUR GIVE A FURTHER PROGRESS REPORT;

B. TO COMMEND THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH HAS BEEN MADE BY  
DISTINGUISHED LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN JURISTS AND LEGAL  
ASSOCIATIONS, BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW,  
BY THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION, AND BY THE AGENCY FOR  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID);

C. TO WELCOME AND TO ENDORSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERA-  
TION AMONG LAWYERS, LEGAL AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND  
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, WITHIN THE FIELD OF LAW AND SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF EXCHANGING INFORMATION AND  
STRENGTHENING INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION AND OF ENHANCING  
THE CONTRIBUTION OF LAW TO SOCIAL PROGRESS AND TO EFFECTIVE  
HUMAN RIGHTS;

D. TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF  
THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT  
IT BE FURTHER CONSIDERED BY APPROPRIATE ORGANS OF THE ORGANI-  
ZATION OF AMERICAN STATES.

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